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ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1941

THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ESTON

Chairman of the Council:- Councillor L.S. Brown

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:- Councillor Walter Evans

COMMITTEE

The whole of the Members of the Council constitute the Public Health Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: James A. Dunlop, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR & CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT:-
W. Linsley, R.C.P., M.R.S.I.,(Meat and Food)
ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTORS:- Alfred King, C.R.S.I. (Meat and Food)
Ronald E.V. Warrand,Cert.S.I.

CLERKS: W. Verrill
O. Cook

MATRON OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL: Miss A.M. Wratten

ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE WITHIN THE ESTON URBAN DISTRICT

Private Street Works Act, 1892.
Public Libraries Act, 1892 to 1918
and the repealed sections of the following Acts:-
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.
Public Health Act, 1925.

BYE-LAWS

Bye-laws made by the Eston Urban District Council and allowed by the Ministry of Health on the eleventh day of February, 1932:-

New Streets and Buildings; Mortuaries; Common Lodging Houses; Slaughterhouses; Offensive Trades; Houses Let in Lodgings; Nuisances; Removal of Refuse; Hackney Carriages; Parks and Recreation Grounds; Tents, Vans and Sheds.

ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1941

To the Chairman and Members of the
Eston Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Public Health of the Eston Urban District for the year 1941. As before this report is much reduced in size in accordance with the Ministry of Health's instructions.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Council for their support and guidance during the year and also to my fellow officers and all members of the staffs of the various sections of the Health Department for their loyal co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. DUNLOP,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1942.

SECTION "A"

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The last estimate of the population issued by the Registrar General was 28,950.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the district (acres)	5,559
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1941) according to Rate Books ...	7,966
Rateable Value (at September 1941)	£130,917
Sum represented by penny rate	£490

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The general health of the community remains good. This year again, owing to the War, trade and industry in this area has been good and this has reflected on the general health and physique of the children. I still hold the same opinion which I expressed in my last annual report that the health of children is better on the whole than it was in the pre-War depression years.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

There were 34 deaths under one year of age
15 deaths over 1 year and under 5 years of age
6 deaths over 5 years and under 10 years of age
5 deaths over 10 years and under 15 years of age
21 deaths over 15 years and under 25 years of age
41 deaths over 25 years and under 45 years of age
106 deaths over 45 years and under 65 years of age
150 deaths over 65 years and under 75 years of age
26 deaths over 75 years and under 90 years of age

CAUSES OF DEATH

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	Males	Females
Whooping Cough	-	1
Influenza	6	1
Measles	2	1
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	2
Respiratory Tuberculosis	12	9
Other Tuberculosis diseases	3	5
Cancer, malignant diseases	28	22
Diabetes	1	1
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	18	18
Heart dieases	49	30
Other circulatory diseases	5	7
Bronchitis	16	18
Pneumonia (all forms)	14	4
Other respiratory diseases	4	-
Peptic ulcer	5	-
Appendicitis	1	-
Dige ive diseases	2	3
Acute and chronic nephritis	5	3
Puerperal causes	-	3
Congenital debility, premature birth, malformation etc.	13	6
Suicide	2	3
Road traffic accidents	8	-
Other violence	23	11
Other defined causes	19	19

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	542	261	281
Illegitimate	39	24	15

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimate resident population :- 20.0

(Rate for England and Wales:- 14.2)

STILL BIRTHS	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	26	15	11
Illegitimate	3	-	3

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) :- 50.0

DEATHS

Total	M.	F.
404	237	167

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimate resident population:- 13.9

(Rate for England and Wales :- 12.9)

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 births
Puerperal sepsis	-	-
Other puerperal causes	3	5.16

DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	58.5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	62.7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	76.9

ANALYSIS OF INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1941

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mth	3-6 mth	6-9 mth	9-12 mth	Total deaths under 1 year
Pneumonia	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	2	6
Convulsions	3	-	-	-	3	4	1	-	2	10
Prematurity	5	1	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	7
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Icterus Neonatorum	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Marasmus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Asphyxia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Miliary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Congenital Debility	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Encephalocele	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Atelectasis of Lungs	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	10	2	2	2	16	6	3	2	7	34

POOR LAW RELIEF

The amount of Poor Law Relief paid during the year 1941 was £15,277. 3s. 8d. Details of this amount are set out below.

	£	s	d
SOUTH BANK & GRANGETOWN (No. 2 District) ...	4542	11	11
GRANGETOWN (No. 3 District) ...	3753	12	6
SOUTH BANK ...	5261	2	3
ESTON ...	1719	17	0
	15277	3	8

LUNATICS (REMOVAL EXPENSES)

	£	s	d
GRANGETOWN ...	4	8	6

SECTION "B"

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year 28 milk samples were sent for bacteriologic examination and 236 Diphtheria throat swabs were examined.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The following is an extract from a report from the Superintendent of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

> "During the year 749 patients have been carried in our motor ambulance to the local hospitals. 18 of these were road accidents and 29 works accidents. The ambulance travelled 5,784 miles during the year. The Brigade continues to carry out this work voluntarily, no charge being made either for the use of the ambulance or for the service rendered by the drivers and attendants".

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The following is a brief statement of the activities of the Nursing Associations in the area.

SOUTH BANK ASSOCIATION

Four whole-time fully qualified nurses are employed who made the following visits during the year :-

General	2905
Midwifery & Maternity ...	3864
Tuberculosis	194
Ante-Natal	1356
Casual Visits	169
	8488

ESTON, ORMESBY & WILTON ASSOCIATION

This Association employs two whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year :-

General	2242
Midwifery & Maternity ...	2516
Post & Ante-Natal	1845
Casual Visits	533
Welfare Centres etc., ...	44
	7180

GRANGETOWN ASSOCIATION

This Association employs three whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year :-

General	2964
Maternity & Midwifery ...	4324
Ante-Natal	886
Post Natal	84
Welfare Centres etc. ...	204
	8462

SECTION "C"

Details of the various sanitary circumstances under this section will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION "D"

This will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION "E"

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SECTION "F"

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The main features in the incidence of notifiable infectious diseases in this area during the year under review are a marked decline in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever and a marked increase in the cases of Measles and Whooping Cough. The Measles generally was of a mild type and in the 435 cases notified only 3 deaths occurred.

The number of cases of Diphtheria remained practically unchanged from the previous year, 49 as against 52, so that the Diphtheria Immunisation Campaign started early in the year had no significant influence on the incidence of Diphtheria during 1941, but since no deaths occurred from this disease in 1941 as against 7 deaths in 1940, one may express the hope that this is an indication of the advantages to be derived from a well immunised area.

In 1941 a nation wide campaign for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria was inaugurated by the

Ministry of Health. With the co-operation of the local practitioners and by the usual methods of publicity an active campaign was launched at the beginning of the year in this area.

This following gives in tabulated form the amount of immunisation doine in the district during the year.

	Under 5 years	5 - 15 years
No. of children immunised during 1941	985	3588
Estimated population of children in area	1750	4700
Percentage of child population immunised	56%	76%

The percentage of school children immunised (76%) is satisfactory but that of children under 5 (56%) is disappointing. Unfortunately the Ministry did not make the immunisation of children compulsory and as Diphtheria is most deadly to children under 5 every effort is being made to persuade parents who have children of this age to have them immunised. In this connection I wish to express my thanks for the very helpful co-operation which I have rec ived from the medical practitioners in the area, the Head Teachers and the Health Visitors.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND FUMIGATIONS

407 visits were made in connection with infectious disease. The following is an anlysis of the premises disinfected furing the year :-

Houses	Rooms	Cause
22	56	Scarlet Fever
52	184	Diphtheria
21	40	Tuberculosis
19	43	Other medical causes
22	65	Other causes
136	388	Totals

ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Total cases notified												Total Deaths											
	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Under 1 yr	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	4	-	10	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	4	5	3	6	16	3	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1	1	1	1	-	2	-	10	5	7	3	3	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	8	3
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			-
Whooping Cough	4	10	11	17	6	21	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	11	46	63	68	54	180	5	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Suspected Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	17	62	83	93	68	228	15	18	22	8	10	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	-	1	2	3	8	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a table of particulars of infectious diseases treated at the Isolation Hoapital during 1941.

Diseases	No. of cases admitted	No in Hospital at 31/12/40	No. of cases discharged	No. in Hospital at 31/12/41
Scarlet Fever	14	8	21	1
Diphtheria	49	15	60	4
Puerperal Fever	8	-	7	1
Measles	1	-	1	-
Cerebrospinal Fever	8	2	10	-
Dysentery	1	-	1	-
Suspected Typhoid	1	-	1	-
Erysipelas	3	-	3	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	1	-
Totals	86	25	105	6

The following cases were admitted to the Hospital from outside districts:-

1 Cerebro-spinal Fever
1 Whooping Cough
1 Broncho-pneumonia
4 Puerperal Fever

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN WARDS

WARD	Disease									
	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Puerperal Fever	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Whooping Cough	Cerebro Spinal Fever	Suspected Typhoid	Measles	Dysentery
NORTH WEST	4	7	-	-	3	3	1	-	17	-
GRANGETOWN	-	8	-	1	-	2	1	-	55	1
NORMANBY	2	6	-	2	3	30	-	-	128	-
HARCOURT	6	3	1	-	2	5	1	-	23	-
BRANCH	1	6	1	-	2	5	-	-	22	-
CENTRAL	5	8	1	1	5	15	4	1	96	-
SOUTH BANK	3	7	1	-	8	9	1	-	42	-
TILERY	-	4	-	1	9	3	-	-	52	-
Totals	21	49	4	5	32	72	8	1	435	1

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1941

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year and of all deaths from this disease are shown in the following table in age groups :-

Age Periods	Cases notified				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pumonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1 and 5 years	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2
5 and 10 years	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 and 15 years	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
15 and 20 years	4	3	2	-	-	2	-	-
20 and 25 years	2	5	-	-	-	3	-	-
25 and 35 years	5	-	-	-	4	2	-	-
35 and 45 years	1	2	-	2	1	3	-	-
45 and 5 years	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2
55 and 65 years	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total	15	10	8	7	8	10	-	4

The deaths from this cause show a decrease of 2 on those for the previous year.

CANCER The total number of deaths from Cancer during the year was 50 which is 10 more than the number for 1940.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Eston Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As in the previous year this report of the year's work carried out by your staff of Sanitary Inspectors is of necessity brief and of an interim nature.

Tabulated form has been used as far as possible for recording the various inspections and visits made and the results obtained. The numbers quoted need no special comment as they are somewhat similar to those of the previous year and indicate good general supervision.

The supply of building materials continued to be restricted, more bricks, cement etc., were avilable but wood, paint etc., were difficult to obtain. These supplies seriously affect housing repairs but there was an increase in the number of repairs for which notices were served compared with those for the previous year.

Much extra work continued to be imposed on the staff and although delays in action were often unavoidable nothing of an emergency nature was neglected. Many extra hours of labour were devoted to the work to keep all records as up to date as possible.

There has been no alteration in the staff for some considerable time and in view of the extra duties(other than sanitary) which are now being carried out it is hoped that our efforts to maintain a good standard of sanitary administration will be appreciated.

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM LINSLEY,

Senior Sanitary Inspector & Cleansing
Superintendent.

SECTION "C"

WATER

There were no new sources of public water supply or important extension of mains during the year. Two samples of water were taken, one on behalf of the Council and one by officers of the Tees Valley Water Board. Both samples were submitted for chemical and bateriological examination and proved wholesome and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No extensive sewerage works were carried out and the method of disposal of sewerage remained the same as heretofor.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

There are no alterations or works of importance to report under this heading.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

With the exception of farms and a small number of isolated houses the district is served by the water carriage system. General conversion from pail closets took place eighteen years ago.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

There was no outstanding change of policy during the year, the erection of air raid shelters in the back streets continued to make refuse collection more difficult especially where bunks had been installed. There was no great difficulty in securing sufficient male labour to carry out the work.

Street sweeping continued to be carried out by street orderly barrows but difficulty continued to be experienced in back street cleansing owing to the air raid shelters.

Street gully cleansing and sewer flushing, which is carried out by horse-drawn vehicles, received regular attention. This work was also made more difficult by air raid shelters in the back streets.

Heavy snow falls were experienced in the early and late periods of the year. During the falls of snow early in the year the old horse-drawn wooden plough became unusable and a report was made on the equipment for snow clearing. Provision was made in the estimates for new ploughs and two were purchased for attachment to the motor refuse collecting vehicles, these proved very useful during the heavy falls late in the year when, on occasion, they were in use all night to keep the main roads clear. Their work was very satisfactory.

The collection, sorting and sale of salvage commenced in April 1940 was continued very successfully throughout the year. The salvage bonus granted to the workmen encouraged and made them keen to collect as much as possible, the result being an increase in the amount of sales and also in wages.

As half yearly reports on this work are submitted for your approval it does not appear to be necessary to pursue the matter further in this report except to state briefly that whilst the first year of salvage collection (1st April 1940 to 31st March, 1941) showed gross sales of materials amounting to £1,372, with a net profit of £854, the second year's figures (1st April 1941 to 31st March 1942) were gross sales £1,647 with a nett profit of £828, excluding £90 written off to cancel capital account on buildings and plant.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

GENERAL SANITARY WORK

The following is a tabulated statement of the number and nature of the inspections made during the year under the various Acts, Orders and Byelaws in force within the Urban Area.

Inspections	Visits
Dwelling houses inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	435
Dwelling houses (re-inspection) under above ...	933

Inspections	Visits
Dwelling houses (work in progress) under above ...	97
Dwelling houses under Public Health Act, etc.	524
Dwelling houses (re-inspection) under above ...	470
Dwelling houses (work in progress) under above...	96
Interviews wit Builders, Owners and others ...	1306
Complaints investigated	141
Inspections of :-	
Bakehouses	22
Common lodging houses	36
Dairies, Cowsheds and milkshops	36
Slaughterhouses	300
Markets and Food Stores	97
Workshops and Workplaces	33
Schools	13
Fish and Fried Fish Shops	25
Outworkers premises	1
Streets and Common Yards	151
Conveniences (Public)	39
Rat Infested Premises	23
Infectious disease	227
Fumigations	140
Drain examinations	164
Under Food & Drugs Act	19
Under Petroleum Acts	3
Scavenging & Cleahsing	1135
Overcrowding (Housing Act)	12
Shops (1912 to 1936) Acts	19
Public Halls	11
Tents, Vans and Sheds	2
Miscellaneous visits not enumerated above ...	722

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER NOTICES SERVED

The various works, which were completed under notices served or after intimation had been given to the Owners or Occupiers, are set out below:-

Number of :-	
Chimneys and roofs repairs	540
Spoutings and rainwater pipes renewed	54
Walls rebuilt or repaired	46
Floors relaid or repaired	52
Ceilings and plasters repaired	352
Window frames and sach cords repaired	36
Fireplaces repaired	217
Doors and Frames repaired	25
Sinks and waste pipes repaired or provided ...	70
Setpots repaired	112
House water supplies repaired	1
Yard surfaces relaid or repaired	23
Refuse bins renewed	139
House Drainage	
Drains tested, relaid or repaired	19
New gullies, traps or grids provided	16
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners	42
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without notices being served	660

Water Closets

Water supplies repaired	611
Cisterns renwed or repaired	8
Basins renwed	6
Seats and flush pipes renewed	7
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners ...	11
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without notices being served	157

Workshops

Notices received from H.M. Inspector ...	1
Notices served on Owners or Occupiers ...	2

Common Lodging Houses

Visits	36
Room inspections for cleanliness and vermin	290

COMPLAINTS

Complaints received were of a general nature, mostly referring to stopped drains, repairs to houses, etc. The number of complaints was approximately the same as those of the previous year, records were kept of their nature and the action taken.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

No complaints were received during the year regarding nuisances from smoke emissions, most of the large industries in the district do not come within the Smoke Abatement Act.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no facilities under this heading in the District.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

There were not many infested premises brought to my notice during the year. The usual methods of fumigating and spraying were continued with good effect. Many tenants now ask for the loan of a sprayer and insecticide to do the work themselves.

	Infested	Disinfested
No. of Council Houses	8	8
No. of other houses	21	21

30 rooms were sprayed by the tenants.

SCHOOLS

The elementary schools in the District are under the control of the North Riding County Council who attend to their

own alterations and repairs. 13 visits were made for various reasons, mostly connected with drainage defects.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES

Periodical visits were made to these premises during the year. The defects found were of a minor nature and were remedied on representations being made to the occupiers. There is only one outworker registered in the district and the work is of an intermittent nature.

SECTION "D"

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	nil
(b) (1) By the Local Authority	nil
(2) By other bodies or persons	nil

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	435
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	933
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925	nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	nil

2. Remedy of defects during the year without the service of Formal Notices :-
Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 374

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-	
(a) By Owners	nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after the service of Formal Notices:-

(a) By Owners	nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit	nil

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding :-

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1940	39
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	39
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	299
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1941	nil
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1941	nil
(2) Number of persons concerened in such cases	nil
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	nil

SECTION "E"

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

All the meat supplies in this Area are now received from the adjoining County Borough and allocated to the butchers from a distributing depot. Regular visits are made to the depot at the times when the meat is being received or allocated The fresh killed meat is inspected in the Borough's Public Slaughterhouse at the time of slaughter whilst the frozen meat is inspected at the wholesale establishments. Under these

circumstances it is not surprising that the quantity found to be unfit for food is very small. Complaints have been made regarding both the inspection and quality of meat received with good effect.

433 visits were made in connection with meat and food inspection; the approximate quantities of meat, exclusive of offals and joints which passed through the distributing depot was:-

Fresh Killed			
Sides of Beef	- 1892	Sheep & Lambs	- 5754
Carcases of pigs	- 795	Calves	- 192
Imported			
Fore & Hind quarters of beef.	- 2870	Sheep & Lambs	- 10688
		Carcases of pigs	- 620
		Calves	- 5

Apart from unsatisfactory meat returned to the senders the following was found to be unfit for food :-

Sundry beef joints and offal ...	128 lbs.
" pork " ...	19 lbs.
" mutton " ...	1 lb.
Fish ...	98 lbs.
Cooked meats. ...	103 lbs.
Cheese ...	2 lbs.
Sundry tinned milk and foods ...	12 tins.

MILK SUPPLY

The number of milk producers and wholesalers did not vary during the year.

The number of cowsheds remained the same as in the previous year (14) and the number of cows was approximately 121.

36 visits were made to cowsheds, dairies and milkshops and any request regarding limewashing and cleansing was attended to without undue delay.

There are no premises in the district registered under the Milk(Special Designations)Order, 1936. Three dairies outside the District hold supplementary licences to sell "pasteurised milk" in the area.

28 informal samples of new milk were taken for analysis and office tested all of which proved genuine. The highest

fat content recorded was 4.4% and the lowest 3.0% with an average of the 28 samples of 3.5% which is a good average. All the samples were passed through cotton wool filter pads to ascertain the dirt content and where necessary the attention of the vendors and producers was drawn to the necessity of keeping the milk clean.